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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP MEETING ON MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND  
MAINTENANCE (O&M) OF NICS, NOV 8

REFS: A. NICSMA D/32

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1. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON NICSMA D/32,  
RATHER CHAIRMAN SOLICITED VIEWS OF NATIONS SO THAT NICSMA MNC  
TEAM COULD REVISE DOCUMENT AS APPROPRIATE. ITEMS DISCUSSED INCLUDED  
CENTRAL ISSUE OF CONTROL OF MANAGEMENT OF O&M, METHOD OF MANNING  
NICS FACILITIES, AND METHOD OF FINANCING O&M.

2. CONTROL OF O&M: MOST OF IDSCUSSION CENTERED ON THIS ISSUE.  
BASED ON PRACTICAL OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE, CON CAMPEN, DCA EUROPE,  
EXPLAINED IN DETAIL WHY CENTRALIZED DIRECTION OF AN AUTOMATED  
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AND INTEGRATED SYSTEM IS ESSENTIAL. ITALY, GREECE, NETHERLANDS,  
NORWAY, UK AND TURKEY SUPPORTED D/32, I.E., CONETRAL OPERATING  
AUTHORITY (COA) REPORTS TO NJCED THROUGH USER GROUP. ITALY AND TURKEY  
THOUGHT THAT USER GROUP SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE NATIONAL REPS.

DENMARK AND FRG SUGGESTED THAT COA BE RESPONSIBLE TO NJCEC, THUS BYPASSING NICSMA. BELGIUM AND CANADA SUPPORTED OUR APPROACH THAT COA BE RESPONSIBLE TO DG NICSMA. WE SUGGESTED THAT GROUP LOOK AT FUNCTIONS (ANNEX C OF REF A) TO DETERMINE HOW CONTROL WOULD WORK. AT THIS POINT, ALL WHO COMMENTED AGREED THAT COA WOULD NEED TO RELY HEAVILY ON DG NICSMA DIRECTION. MODIFICATION REFLECTING THIS VIEW WILL BE INCORPORATED IN REVISED VERSION OF REF A. WE UNDERSTAND SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM (ANNEX D TO REF A) WILL ALSO BE REVISED. NICS USER GROUP WILL BE REPLACED BY NICSO IN CHAIN OF AUTHORITY. SINCE NICSO CONSISTS OF NJCEC AS POLICY COMMITTEE FOR NICS AND NICSMA AS ITS EXECUTIVE AGENT, ISSUE OF COA REPORTING TO DG NICSMA MAY BE REMOVED. METHOD OF OPERATION WILL BE MADE CLEAR IN REVISION OF FUNCTIONS OF DG NICSMA AND COA (PARA 4 AND 4 OF ANNEX C TO REF A).

3. METHOD OF MANNING: NATIONS FAVORED NATIONAL MANNING. SOME SAID THAT DETERMINATION OF WHETHER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WOULD BE USED DEPENDED ON WHETHER NATO OR THE NATION PROVIDED FUNDING. UK REP NOTED THAT IF UK HAD DIFFICULTY FILLING MILITARY SLOTS, THEY WOULD REQUEST NATO FUNDING FOR CIVILIANS SINCE NICS WAS A NATO NOT NATIONAL FACILITY. MOST BELIEVED THAT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OVER STATIONS SHOULD BE SIMILAR TO THAT EXERCISED OVER NATO SATCOM II GROUND TERMINALS. NICSMA WILL SUGGEST STANDARD AND RECOMMENDED BREAKOUT BETWEEN CIVIL AND MILITARY PERSONNEL.

3. METHOD OF FINANCING: GROUP AGREED THAT QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCING OF PERSONNEL (AS IS DONE FOR ACE HIGH) OR NATIONAL FINANCING WAS MATTER FOR DECISION BY APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE. CONSENSUS OF GROUP WAS THAT FOR ANY EVENTUAL COMMON FUNDING OF MAINTENANCE AND PROVISION OF SUPPLIES, SINGLE NICS BUDGET SHOULD BE PREPARED RATHER THAN SEPARATE BUDGETS FOR COMPONENTS OF NICS, I.E., TARES, AUTOMATIC SWITCHES, STCOM GROUND TERMINALS, ETC.

4. NEXT STEPS: NICSMA/MNC WORKING GROUP WILL REVISE REF A AND SUBMIT DRAFT TO JCEWG FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO NJCEC.  
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WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW GUIDANCE GIVEN TO US BY US DELEGATION TO NJCEC (REF B).  
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